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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Alan Wayne HENLEY et al. Conf. No.: 7500
Serial No.: 09/743,737 Art Unit: 3761
Filed: January 16, 2001 Examiner: Kim M. Lewis
For: WALKER APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION AND A CORRECTED OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner for
Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 1, 2003 the following apparent errors are noted and correction thereof is requested:

- 1) The PTO-326 (Paper 14, pages 1-?) references the Response as filed on January 13, 2003 whereas it was sent with a Certificate of Mailing dated December 30, 2002.
- 2) Box 4 References Claims 32-85, whereas it should reference Claims 32-35 and 45-86. (Note: page 2, first paragraph acknowledges that there is a Claim 86).
- 3) Box 6 states that Claims 45-53, 56-64 and 66-73 (amongst others) are rejected. There is no rejection of Claims 46, 47, 67, 68, 84 and 86 recited in the body of the Office Action. Claim 55 was rejected in the body, but is not listed on the PTO-326. While Claims 54, 65 and 74 were listed as allowed, they apparently should be listed as objected to in Box 7 of the PTO-326.

WHAT IS REALLY NEEDED FOR APPLICANT TO RESPOND IS A STATEMENT AS BASIS FOR THE REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 46, 47, 67, 68, 84 and 86. PLEASE PROVIDE A NEW or SUPPLEMENTAL OFFICE ACTION EXPLAINING THE BASIS FOR ANY REJECTION, IF ONE EXISTS, FOR THESE CLAIMS 46, 47, 67, 68, 84 and 86.

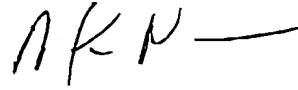
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If there are any issues remaining to be resolved, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that such issues can be promptly resolved.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (7175-67612).

Respectfully submitted,

BARNES & THORNBURG

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M M Newman', followed by a horizontal line.

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